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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Peter STAMM

Appl. No. 09/831,086

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For: DEVICE FOR RECORDING
PICTURES OF PARCEL
SURFACES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant submits the following Preliminary Amendment.

Amendments

In the Specification:

Page 1, replace the paragraph beginning on line 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

A1 The invention relates to a device for recording pictures of parcel surfaces containing
distribution information conveyed past the device.

Page 1, replace the paragraph beginning on line 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:

A2 Parcels are automatically sorted and distributed in respective facilities on the basis of the
distribution information affixed to the surface, in most cases the receiver addresses. In the